

REMARKS

The present amendment is requested to correct minor grammatical errors and to conform the application to U.S. practice for examination purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a packaging for a tool with sharp edge[, in accordance with the preamble of patent claim 1].

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This is achieved by means of a packaging according to the present invention, which includes [the features defined in the characterizing part of patent claim 1] a suspension device, a protective sheath, and means for supporting the tool in different positions on the sheet. Those positions include a first position adapted for sales exposure in which at least a major portion of the tool is free of the sheath and exposed for inspection by a perspective buyer, and a second position in which the tool is inserted in the sheath and ready to be handled by a user.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The present invention will now be described in further detail, with reference being made to the accompanying schematic drawings, illustrating [a] preferred embodiments thereof, and in which:

FIG. 1 shows a perspective view, from behind, of a packaging with a tool in a first position adapted for sales exposure, according to a first embodiment of the present invention,

FIG. 2 shows a perspective view, from behind of a packaging with a tool in a first position adapted for sales exposure, according to a second embodiment of the present invention,

FIG. 3 shows a perspective view, from behind, of [a] the Fig. 2 packaging with [a] the tool in a second position established by a user, [according to the present invention] and

FIG. 4 shows a front view of a packaging similar to that of FIG. 2 with a tool in a third position adapted for sales exposure, according to a third embodiment of the present invention.

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According to a first embodiment of the packaging A, illustrated in [figure] FIG. 1, the resiliently deformable part is formed as a part 16, designed as a bridge, tab or flap, projecting into the opening 18, at an upper side thereof. This projecting part 16 is bent inwards (i.e., to the left in FIG. 1) into the lower sheath part 12 when the edge part 17 of the tool is inserted into the opening 18 and further down into the bottom part 13. According to a second embodiment of the packaging B, the resiliently deformable part of a sheath 1A can be the part 14 of the packaging connecting the lower sheath part 12 and the bottom part 13, as illustrated in FIG. 2. In this case the opening 18 is made accessible by bending the bottom part 13 slightly aside, i.e. backwards. When the respective resiliently deformable part 14,16 is in its original undeformed position, the opening is not accessible for insertion of the tool edge, and the sharp edge 17 cannot be enclosed by the bottom part 13. An embodiment combining the two resilient parts 14, 16 is also feasible as shown in FIG. 2.

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At an upper end of the sheath 1 or 1A, above the upper sheath part 11 and on the rear side 5, the packaging is provided with a suspension device 3, such as a resilient clip 19 for attachment to a belt of a user, a plate with a hole 20 for suspension on a wall peg or a display hook, or a combination of both. By designing the sheath with a suspension clip, a very practical tool holster is obtained.

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In [figure 1 and figure] FIGS. 1 and 2 is illustrated [a] the packaging, according to respective embodiments of the present invention, used with the tool in a first position on the sheath adapted for sales exposure.

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If desired, the tool can of course also be displayed for sale with the tool 2 inserted into the sheath 1 or 1A and the safety catch 21 mounted over the handle part, as illustrated in [figure] FIG. 4 and in this description referred to as a third position.

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Claims 1, 9 and 12 [As Amended]

1. (Amended) A packaging for a tool with sharp edge, said packaging comprising a suspension device, wherein said packaging comprises a protective sheath and means for supporting the tool in different positions on the sheath, including a first position adapted for sales exposure in which at least a major [part] portion of the tool is free of the sheath and exposed for inspection by a prospective buyer, and a second position in which the tool is inserted in the sheath and ready to be handled by a user.

9. (Amended) Packaging according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, comprising a pilfer proof safety catch, which prevents removal of the tool from the packaging, in its first position, without visibly damaging the safety catch.

12. (Amended) Packaging according to [any of claims 1-8 or 11] claim 11, wherein the entire sheath[, including all its parts,] and the suspension device are made in one piece.